

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

3:56 p.m.

Room 521, House Office Building

Chair Stakoe called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith (11/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: (0/11)

Representative Nitz, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on February 22, 2006. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Chair Stakoe laid **Senate Bill 372** before the committee.

SB 372	Toy	Local government; public services; certain city managed water and sewer systems; provide for regionalization of.
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Senator Toy explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

Karyn Ferrick, from the Senate Majority Policy Office, testified on the bill and answered questions.

Victor Mercado, representing the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Representative Tobocman testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Senator Toy returned to the testimony table to clarify her earlier statements.

Chuck Hersey, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) testified on the bill.

Representative Hood III testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Russ Bellant, representing himself, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Karyn Ferrick returned to the testimony table to answer additional questions.

Representative Virgil Smith explained the intent of a proposed amendment to **Senate Bill 372**.

Representative Virgil Smith, supported by **Representative Vagnozzi**, moved to adopt the following amendment to **Senate Bill 372**:

1. Amend page 2, line 13, following “system” by striking out “shall” and inserting “may”.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith (4 /11)

NAYS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker (7/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

An insufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion did not prevail**.

Representative Nitz, supported by **Representative Robertson**, moved to report **Senate Bill 372** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker (7/11)

NAYS: Reps. Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith (4/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 5:47 p.m.

Representative John Stakoe, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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